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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FIXING AT LEAST ONE FLEXIBLE
FABRIC AS WELL AS HOUSING RAIL FOR A FILLER SECTION -**

Being a Continuation of PCT International Application No.

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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. **PCT/EP02/10965**, filed on September 30, 2002, which claimed priority of European Patent Application Nos. 01123780.7, filed October 4, 2001, and 01127963.5, filed November 23, 2001.

1. Application - 10 pages, including 3 independent claims and 8 claims total.
2. Drawings - 6 sheets of drawings containing 12 figures.
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
4. Cover page of International Publication No. **WO 03/031829 A1**.
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Applicant claims small entity status. The fees indicated above are reduced by half (½).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Patent Application Nos. 01123780.7, filed October 4, 2001, and 01127963.5, filed November 23, 2001.

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